

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

a¹ [0004] One of the preferred ways of assembling a catalytic converter is to form the external shell out of a single piece of steel tube. By varying the diameter of the of the tube from narrow to wide and then narrow, a converter body is formed.

[0005] One of the techniques known to form catalytic converters is a spinform techniques. Traditionally, spinform techniques have been used to form concentric end portions. One of the process of forming oblique end portion of the catalytic converter is specifically disclosed in US patent no: 6,067,833 and is shown in FIGURE 1 as prior art.